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REQUEST FOR STATUS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

As more than 18 months have passed since this application was filed or entered into the United States National Stage and no office action on the merits has yet been received, the applicant hereby respectfully makes inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application.

As 37 CFR 1.2 states that the action of the PTO "will be based exclusively on the written record", applicant needs and therefore **requests a written reply**.

Respectfully submitted,

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